

REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 7-8, 10, 12, 14 and 16-25 remain pending with claims 2, 7, 10 and 25 being independent.

Applicants acknowledge with thanks that the previous 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection of Claims 2-4 and 7 has been overcome.

In addition, Applicants acknowledge with thanks that Claims 2-3, 7 and 25 have been allowed.

Applicants also acknowledge with thanks that Claims 4, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16-24 would be allowable if rewritten.

Applicants further acknowledge with thanks that the previous 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and 103(a) rejections of Claims 1, 5-6, 8-10, 17-23 and 26 have been overcome.

Section 112 Rejections

Claims 4, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for the reasons given in the Action at paragraph 3, pages 2-3.

Applicants' amendments to Claims 4 and 10 address the substance of the Section 112, second paragraph, rejection thereof.

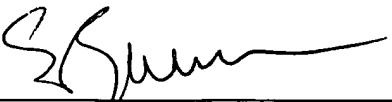
Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal are respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request a prompt and favorable re-examination of the application based on the remarks set forth herein.

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